

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to proceed falls, and the clerk will report the pending bill.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1156) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill

Pending:

Coats modified amendment No. 1249, to provide scholarship assistance for District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students.

Graham/Mack/Kennedy amendment No. 1252, to provide relief to certain aliens who would otherwise be subject to removal from the United States.

Mack/Graham/Kennedy modified amendment No. 1253 (to amendment No. 1252), in the nature of a substitute.

MODIFIED AMENDMENT NO. 1253

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. MACK. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second for the yeas and nays? There does not appear to be a sufficient second. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the modified amendment No. 1253. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 269 Leg.]

YEAS—99

Abraham	Feingold	Lott
Akaka	Feinstein	Lugar
Allard	Ford	Mack
Ashcroft	Frist	McCain
Baucus	Glenn	McConnell
Bennett	Gorton	Mikulski
Biden	Graham	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Gramm	Moynihan
Bond	Grams	Murkowski
Boxer	Grassley	Murray
Breaux	Gregg	Nickles
Brownback	Hagel	Reed
Bryan	Harkin	Reid
Bumpers	Hatch	Robb
Burns	Helms	Roberts
Campbell	Hollings	Rockefeller
Chafee	Hutchinson	Roth
Cleland	Hutchison	Santorum
Coats	Inhofe	Sarbanes
Cochran	Inouye	Sessions
Collins	Jeffords	Shelby
Conrad	Johnson	Smith (NH)
Coverdell	Kempthorne	Smith (OR)
Craig	Kennedy	Snowe
D'Amato	Kerrey	Specter
Daschle	Kerry	Stevens
DeWine	Kohl	Thomas
Dodd	Kyl	Thompson
Domenici	Landrieu	Thurmond
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Torricelli
Durbin	Leahy	Warner
Enzi	Levin	Wellstone
Faircloth	Lieberman	Wyden

NAYS—1

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The modified amendment (No. 1253) was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SANTORUM. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, October 6, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,413,432,617,300.15. (Five trillion, four hundred thirteen billion, four hundred thirty-two million, six hundred seventeen thousand, three hundred dollars and fifteen cents)

Five years ago, October 6, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$4,060,002,000,000. (Four trillion, sixty billion, million)

Ten years ago, October 6, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,378,537,000,000. (Two trillion, three hundred seventy-eight billion, five hundred thirty-seven million)

Fifteen years ago, October 6, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,128,772,000,000. (One trillion, one hundred twenty-eight billion, seven hundred seventy-two million)

Twenty-five years ago, October 6, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$435,152,000,000 (Four hundred thirty-five billion, one hundred fifty-two million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,978,280,617,300.15 (Four trillion, nine hundred seventy-eight billion, two hundred eighty million, six hundred seventeen thousand, three hundred dollars and fifteen cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 1026) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. LEACH, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. FLAKE, as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 1703. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements in

the system of the Department of Veterans Affairs for resolution and adjudication of complaints of employment discrimination.

H.R. 2206. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2571. An act to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1703. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements in the system of the Department of Veterans Affairs for resolution and adjudication of complaints of employment discrimination; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2206. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2571. An act to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, October 7, 1997, by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND]:

H.R. 2378. An act making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1159. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation public interest land exchange, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-100).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1266. An original bill to interpret the term "kidnapping" in extradition treaties to which the United States is a party (Rept. No. 105-101).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REID, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ALLARD, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):